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Mr. William Kovacs
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
1615 H street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20062

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No: EPA-HQ-2016-002475

Dear Mr. Kovacs,

This letter is to respond to your request for information on the distribution of various categorical grants for FY 2014. Specifically you asked for:

- 1) How EPA distributed the entire **\$228.2 million** appropriated to the agency for State and Local Air Quality Management Categorical Grants in FY2014 under Public Law 113-76 to state, local, or tribal governments (or other recipients).
- 2) How EPA distributed the entire **\$159.3 million** appropriated to the agency for Nonpoint Source (Clean Water Act §319) Categorical Grants in FY2014 under Public Law 113-76 to state, local, or tribal governments (or other recipients).
- 3) How EPA distributed the entire **\$230.8 million** appropriated to the agency for Pollution Control (Clean Water Act §106) Categorical Grants in FY2014 under Public Law 113-76 to state, local, or tribal governments (or other recipients).
- 4) How EPA distributed the entire **\$213.0 million** appropriated to the agency for Other Activities Categorical Grants in FY2014 under Public Law 113-76 to state, local, or tribal governments (or other recipients).

We have provided you two reports to answer your request. They are included in the FOIA on line system. Please see the explanation below for the details and the key to the report.

Each Fiscal Year the Office of Budget reports out on prior FY actual obligations and current and future FY estimated obligations for each of the Program Projects in EPA's State and Tribal Assistant Grants (STAG) appropriation, including Categorical Grants. Estimated current and future year obligations are based on state allocations in the enacted operating plan and President's Budget, respectively, while actual obligations in the prior FY are based on all obligations incurred during that specific FY regardless of when the funds were received. The annual 'Budget information for the States' (BIS) report breaks out state totals for each grant. The attached reports, issued in FY 2014 and FY 2015, provide both allocation and obligation information. In addition to the specific grant types mentioned in the request, they

include all of our categorical grants as well as infrastructure and other grant types in our State and Tribal Grants appropriations.

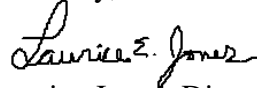
- *File 'FY 2013, 2014, 2015 State Totals for each Grant' contains FY 2014 estimated allocations to states based on the enacted budget. Those numbers can be found in the middle column titled, 'FY 2014 EST OBLIG.'*
- *File 'FY 2014, 2015, 2016 State Totals for each Grant' contains FY 2014 actual obligations. Those numbers can be found in the far left column titled, 'FY 2014 ACT. OBLIG.' Please note that actual obligations issued in FY 2014 may include funds appropriated in prior years.*

There is also a bill enclosed for \$84.00

You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be made in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the FOI number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Please contact Ms. Ellen O'Boyle, of my staff, if you have any questions. She may be reached at (202) 564-5326.

Sincerely,



Laurice Jones, Director
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and Compliance Division
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